

Spring Hill High School Marching Band Flag Team

*** PLEASE REFER TO BAND HANDBOOK ON THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ***

First off, *CONGRATULATIONS* on making the SHHS Marching Band Flag team for the 2010 season! We are thrilled to have you and look forward to working with you! There are a few house keeping things we must discuss about our up and coming rehearsals that will be put into effect starting May.

Rehearsal Dress:

- ❖ Athletic Bottoms (jeans, jean shorts, khaki shorts, etc .will NOT be allowed).
- ❖ Form Fitting T-shirts/Tank Tops (We need to be able to see your body move—does NOT have to be skin tight, just form fitting).
- ❖ Socks and Tennis shoes—NO EXCEPTIONS (Dance shoes are allowed for indoor use, but bring a pair of tennis shoes).
- ❖ Hair must be pulled back from face.
- ❖ No Jewelry (rings, necklaces, earrings etc. must be removed before rehearsal begins).
- ❖ No Gum
- ❖ NO EXCEPTIONS ON REHEARSAL DRESS. These rules are put into place for your safety and benefit!

Rehearsal Etiquette:

- ❖ General rule of thumb: To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, and to be late is not to be. In other words, DO NOT BE LATE.
- ❖ Questions are expected and appreciated! We want you to ask when you aren't getting something that is what we are here for—to help YOU!
- ❖ If you miss a rehearsal we expect you to make up and figure out what you missed BEFORE THE NEXT REHEARSAL.
- ❖ Competitions and Games are mandatory!
- ❖ We expect great attitudes! We want to have fun and make this an enjoyable experience for all of you, but we do expect to be serious and work hard!

We are VERY excited about this up and coming season and have many fun, new, and exciting things in store for you! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns! We look forward to working with you and seeing you grow as performers!

Summer Rehearsals

Every Tuesday May 4th – July 13th
4:00 – 7:00 pm

(These are required rehearsals unless you are sick (with a fever or throwing up) or out of town on family vacation. In either case please email, text or call me as soon as you are aware of a rehearsal you will be absent.)

Flag Camp

This will be a week-long camp for the flags only. Times and dates are yet to be set. Tentative date is the last week of June.

Band Camp

July 14-16 and July 19-23
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

(This is mandatory rehearsal with the entire band where we begin to put the show on the field. Please make sure you are here 100% of the time and plan your vacation around these dates.)

After School Rehearsals

Every Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday from 3:00 pm – 6:00
pm until the end of October.

Attendance is mandatory unless you have not attended school that day. If you miss any rehearsal during the week you will not perform that week at the football game and/or competition on Saturday - at the band director's and my discretion. We often learn new drill and/ or flag and rifle work and want you to feel good about what you are doing and to be as successful as you can be. Missing rehearsal will not set you up for success.

For those of you who are new to the program you to be aware that being a member of the Spring Hill Marching Band Flags requires a huge time commitment on behalf of the students. Attendance at all practices, football games, and performances/competitions is crucial. When a student is missing for either all or even part of a scheduled practice, game or competition it negatively affects the rest of the team. Please schedule doctors, dentists or any other events on days or times we don't meet.

Registration and Consent/Health Forms

Forms are available for printing on the band website (www.springhillband.org). Registration, Consent/Health Forms, Commitment Form and deposit are due by **May 7, 2010**. Each student must have a Consent/ Health form on file before attending camp.

Fee

Fees - The approximate fee this year is \$350. After uniforms have been decided upon I will be able to provide a much more accurate number. The fee is broken down into: \$225 - Band Fee, \$40 – shoes, \$35 – unitard, \$20 – hairpiece, \$30 – rifle. Please make your check payable to Spring Hill High School.

Any previous member with an outstanding balance as of May 1, 2010, from the previous school year will not be allowed to participate.

A deposit of \$100 is due with the required forms on May 7th. Please pay the fees when they are due. If you are experiencing a financial hardship and cannot pay by the due dates, please contact Mr. Jack and work out a payment plan. There are also numerous fundraising opportunities for the students to pay off their fees. Information will be sent out in the future. These fees contribute to the expenses for flags, instructors, drill writing, uniforms, transportation, entry fees etc.

Kroger Cards - (A great way to pay for trips and fees of the future.) If you use a Kroger Gift Card from the Spring Hill Band, 4% of what you load on your card goes to your student's account with the band. Gift cards may be used for groceries, at fuel centers, and with prescriptions. Cards are \$5 each and already have \$5 on them. These cards must be purchased from Mr. Jack to qualify for this program. You can load up to \$500 at a time on your card. Keep your card and keep re-loading it for additional funds. Additional cards can be used by neighbors, friends, grandparents, etc., throughout the country (but the card must be purchased from Mr. Jack).

Grades - Students are required to be passing all classes in order to participate in marching band and flags. Some parents have even higher requirements for their student to participate in any activity. Should you be falling below your standards, please keep participating in after school practices or performances. Unlike sports teams we do not have other players who can fill a spot or substitute for your student. A missing member will have a negative impact on the whole team. Grades are the utmost importance and we are willing to work with you to keep you on top of your grades. Please contact me if you are having an issue and I can help to locate a tutor. I have taught many girls in honors and advance placement classes and they have been able to manage their hectic schedules very successfully. It is possible to maintain good grades and participate in marching band.

Parent Support - We need your support! We always need parents to help the girls get ready for performances, chaperone football games, and supporting us at competitions! If you can support us in any way it would mean the world to not only the girls, but Ms. Laura and myself.

We have very high standards for the girls. We believe students will rise to the expectations and have experienced it time and time again. Our goal is that your student will grow, be better than they ever expected to be, and learn that they can do anything they put their minds to. I am so excited to be teaching your student this year. Shall you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Please understand I do maintain an extremely busy schedule and may not be able to respond immediately. I will get back in touch with you as soon as I possibly can.

Expectations:

- ❖ Have a good attitude about working hard.
- ❖ Be willing to be corrected.
- ❖ Be willing to work with others and cooperate with others.
- ❖ Be at all performances and rehearsals.
- ❖ Have proper items at all rehearsals and performances.
- ❖ Practice on your own and learn your parts.

To a great season,

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